

Dear Senator Cummings,

On February 1st, the Vermont Communications Union District Association provided testimony to the House Energy and Environment Committee on the renewal of 248A for siting of telecommunications facilities. While the CUD interests are quite different than wireless providers, this legislation could be an important tool for CUD's in the future. As community-based organizations, we also support community input in siting decisions and to date, none of the CUD's have needed to use 248A. Our input to House E&E essentially supports a straight 3-year renewal of the statute and sunset. The 3-year renewal is in the public interest in that it allows for continued oversight and review during the period that CUD buildouts will continue.

The overview slides that we shared with the House are attached. We would welcome any questions you or members of your committee might have.

Thank you,

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